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DOL releases \$89.3M in UI funds to Wisconsin	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20091014.htm	press release	U.S. Labor Department announces release of \$89.3 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to Wisconsin. Wisconsin qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by updating its UI program to reflect the 21st century workforce. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, to administer the state unemployment insurance program or deliver employment services.	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$89,289,386 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Wisconsin. Wisconsin qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by updating its UI program to reflect the 21st century workforce. "Wisconsin already received part of its share of UI modernization funds for its longstanding policy of helping unemployed workers who recently entered the labor force get the assistance they deserve," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Wisconsin has now updated its law to make it easier for workers who become unemployed for compelling family reasons and workers who are upgrading their skills to be eligible for benefits. These changes not only help workers, but will contribute to the state's overall economic recovery." The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, to administer the state unemployment insurance program or deliver employment services. State and federal officials had the following comments about the program: "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is meant to so	8/27/2009 13:30	Unemployment;insurance;incentive;recovery;Wisconsin;workers;

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DOL grants over \$3.4M to Minnesota laid off workers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20091037.htm	press release	U.S. Department of Labor announces more than \$3.4 million to continue to assist Minnesota workers affected by manufacturing industry layoffs. The National Emergency Grant will help to continue to assist workers across the state of Minnesota affected by layoffs from five companies in the manufacturing and retail industries.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$3,446,051 National Emergency Grant increment to continue to assist workers across the state of Minnesota affected by layoffs from five companies in the manufacturing and retail industries: Celestica, Hutchinson Technology Inc., International Business Machines (IBM), Seagate Technology Inc. and Target.</p> <p>"Minnesotans laid off from these companies need continued access to training and employment services in order to re-enter the workforce in growing industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This grant increment offers another important step toward the economic recovery of Minnesota and the nation."</p> <p>This second and final increment will be awarded to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Funds will be used to continue the delivery of re-employment assistance, including training, assessment, and career counseling to affected workers.</p> <p>On June 10, 2009, a National Emergency Grant with an initial release of \$1,322,649 was awarded to serve approximately 1,109 workers. The state's application for the increment anno</p>	8/26/2009 12:30	grants;NEG;Minnesota;workers;training;
DOL grant to Maine workers exceeds \$316,000	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090961.htm	press release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$316,458 grant to assist approximately 80 workers affected by layoffs at Formed Fiber Technologies Inc. located in Auburn, Maine. This grant will be operated by the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services. These services may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$316,458 grant to assist approximately 80 workers affected by layoffs at Formed Fiber Technologies Inc. located in Auburn, Maine.</p> <p>"These workers now will have access to employment-related services that will lead to new careers in promising regional industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Auto workers have borne the brunt of the recent economic downturn and are deserving of our support as they seek re-employment."</p> <p>Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be operated by the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services. These services may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.</p> <p>A Maine Department of Labor analysis indicates possible future job vacancies outside of the traditional manufacturing industry in more promising sectors.</p> <p>Layoffs at Formed Fiber Technologies Inc. occurred on Dec. 19, 2008, due to declines in the automotive, construction and</p> <p>This grant will be funded by resources made available for Nati</p>	8/25/2009 15:30	grant;Maine;workers;training;layoffs;